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Whittier Man Charged With Attempted Murder for Driving Vehicle into Gym

A 32-year old Whittier man has been charged with attempted murder and other crimes for allegedly driving a vehicle into a La Mirada gym, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Sergio Gabriel Reyes (dob 7/5/86) was charged in case VA150270 with one count of attempted murder, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of vandalism over \$400 in damages and one count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent. He is expected to be arraigned today in Dept. 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch.

In early March, Reyes's gym membership was allegedly terminated due to inappropriate behavior. He previously is accused of having disputes with gym personnel and stated he would return.

On March 19 at 1:30 a.m., Reyes allegedly took a relative's vehicle, drove to the gym and crashed through the front window where an employee was standing at the reception desk, nearly hitting the employee. Reyes fled the scene and was arrested shortly thereafter, prosecutors said.

In 2006, Reyes was convicted of robbery in Los Angeles County, according to the criminal complaint.

If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 25 years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station.

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